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SUMMARY: THE ACTING PRIME MIN USED THE OCCASION OF THE GOCAE'S
FAREWELL DINNER FOR ME TO LASH OUT AT UNNAMED POWLRS FOR SUPORT-
ING AGGRESSION AGAINST ZAIRE. HE ALSO DECLARED FULL GOCAE SUPPORT
FOR USG HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORT. IN REPLY, I THANKED GOCAE FOR ITS
POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND INDICATED OUR COMMITMENT TO THE
PRINCIPLE THAT AFRICAN PROBLEMS SHOULD BE RESOLVED BY AFRICANS
THEMSELVES. END SUMMARY.

1. GOCAE PULLED OUT ALL THE STOPS JUNE 5 IN SERIES OF FUNCTIONS
CONNECTED WITH MY DEPARTURE. GOVERNMENT, IMPERIAL COURT AND RANK-
ING MILITARY OFFICERS ATTENDED OPENING OF BERENGO DISPENSARY. MIN
OF HEALTH EXPRESSED PROFUSE THANKS FOR US ASSISTANCE AND ACTING
PRIME MIN PRESIDED OVER EVENT (BANGUI 1266). SIMILARLY IN THE
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EVENING GOVERNMENT, COURT AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS ATTENDED DINNER IN
MY HONOR. PRIME MIN'S TOAST AGAIN PAID TRIBUTE TO US ROLE IN CAE.
HE CITED EMPEROR'S PROFOUND FRIENDSHIP AND HIGH ESTEEM FOR PRES-
IDENT CARTER AND VALLIANT AMERICAN PEOPLE. HE SAID DECORATION
WHICH HAD BEEN CONFERRED ON ME WAS EVIDENCE OF THE "GOOD REL-
ATIONS OF SINCERE FRIENDSHIP AND ACTIVE COOPERATION" WHICH EXIST
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

2. MAIDOU'S WRITTEN TOAST WHICH HE TOLD ME WAS MADE ON BOKASSA'S PERSONAL INSTRUCTIONS WAS ALSO SIGNIFICANT FOR ITS POLITICAL CONTENT. AFTER RHETORICAL BOILERPLATE ON FRIENDSHIP, THE PRIME MIN, LAUNCHING INTO A REVIEW OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN AFRICA, CONTRASTED THE GOCAE'S DESIRE FOR PEACE WITH THE EXISTING VIOLENCE IN THE REGION. HE SAID, "VIOLENCE, INSECURITY AND ATTEMPTS AT DESTABILIZATION ARE UNFORTUNATELY UNDERTAKEN HERE BY CERTAIN AFRICAN COUNTRIES WITH THE NOTORIOUS COMPLICITY OF CERTAIN GREAT POWERS WHO PERSIST IN SOWING SUBVERSION, FOMENTING DISCORD AND CREATING AREAS OF TENSION WHICH IF EXTENDED WOULD ENGULF THE AFRICAN CONTINENT." MAIDOU THEN REFERRED TO THE "CRIMINAL AGGRESSION COMING FROM OUTSIDE AGAINST THE PEACEFUL AND HARD-WORKING ZAIRIAN PEOPLE", AND HE SUGGESTED THAT THE REASON FOR THE AGGRESSION WAS THE ECONOMIC AND MINERAL POTENTIAL OF ZAIRE. WITH RESPECT TO BOTH ZAIRE AND CHAD, MAIDOU STATED, "THE CAE WILL PARTICIPATE IN ALL EFFORTS UNDERWAY NOW TO PUT AN END TO THE MACHINATIONS IN WHICH CERTAIN POWERS GREEDY FOR HEGEMONY ARE ENGAGING." MAIDOU OBSERVED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE AND APPRECIATE THE CONTRIBUTION WHICH "THE REAL FRIENDS OF AFRICA," INCLUDING THE U.S., WERE MAKING TO AID THE YOUNG STATES OF THE REGION TO ASSURE THEIR SECURITY AND GUARANTEE THEIR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE.

3. WITH REGARD TO HUMAN RIGHTS, MAIDOU SAID THAT THE CAE, IN CONFORMITY WITH ITS CONSTITUTION, GAVE "ITS FULL SUPPORT TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BATTLE WHICH THE USG WAS WAGING FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS TO LIFE, LIBERTY AND HAPPINESS." HUMAN NEEDS WERE INSEPERABLE FROM THESE RIGHTS, HE SAID. COMMON VALUES OFFERED A BASE FOR COOPERATION WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE TWO COUNTRIES TO ATTACK THE GREAT WORLD WIDE PROBLEMS OF ECONOMIC JUSTICE.

4. IN REPLY, I SAID THAT THE US SHARED WITH THE CAE AN ATTACHMENT TO CERTAIN PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL CONDUCT. WE BELIEVED THAT AFRICAN DISPUTES SHOULD BE RESOLVED BY AFRICANS THEMSELVES, THAT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF AN AFRICAN STATE WAS INADMISSIBLE, AND THAT ALL PROBLEMS--EVEN THE MOST DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX--SHOULD BE RESOLVED BY NEGOTIATION AND NOT BY MILITARY MEANS. I NOTED THAT IT WAS IN THIS SENSE THAT THE USG WAS WORKING IN CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH SEVERAL FRIENDLY COUNTRIES SO THAT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND TO THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, THE HORN AND ZAIRE. I SAID WE APPRECIATED THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE EMPEROR FOR OUR CONCERNS AND EFFORTS.

5. I ALSO THANKED THE PRIME MIN FOR HIS REMARKS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. HUMAN RIGHTS WERE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO PRESIDENT CARTER, HIS ADMINISTRATION AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. I SAID THAT I HOPED THAT

AN ATTACHMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT
OF HAPPINESS, WHICH IS THE BASIS OF ANY HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY,
WOULD DEEPEN EVERYWHERE IN YEARS TO COME.

6. TAPE RECORDINGS OF THIS EXCHANGE OF TOASTS WERE PLAYED ON
NATIONAL RADIO AND TELEVISION JUNE 6.

7. COMMENT: SOVIET AMB LISTENED IN EVIDENT UNHAPPINESS TO ATTACK
ON POWERS ENGAGING IN SUBVERSION. AFRICAN DIPLOMATS, HOWEVER, WERE
VERY POSITIVE TOWARDS MAIDOU'S REMARKS. THERE IS, OF COURSE, A
CERTAIN AMOUNT OF WISHFUL THINKING ON THE CENTRAL AFRICAN SIDE
ABOUT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. WHAT IS CERTAIN IS THAT FOR THE
TIME BEING AT LEAST BOKASSA WANTS TO SIGNAL TO US THAT HE SEEKS
OUR FRIENDSHIP. THIS THEME IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO BE PLAYED AS
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LONG AS THE OVERALL SECURITY SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN
REGION REMAINS UNCERTAIN. HE NEEDS US AND HE KNOWS IT AND HE IS
CONSEQUENTLY LIKELY TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF OUR EXTERNAL POLICY TO-
WARDS AFRICA AS WELL AS OUR PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE CAE.
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